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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the drawings presently on file (i.e. figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7b, 7C, 8 and to 9) with the new formal drawings (i.e. figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 7C, 8 and 9) which are submitted herewith.

REMARKS:

By the present amendment, the applicant wishes to delete from the disclosure the sequence listings referred to on pages 41 to 45, and 46 to 51.

In light of the above, the applicant hereby respectfully requests that the separate sequence listings be withdrawn.

By the present the applicant has further included substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84. The applicant also wishes hereby to make editorial amendments to the drawings. These amendments are highlighted in red in photocopies of the drawings originally submitted. As you will notice, these amendments generally refers to titles of the figures. In order to facilitate matters, formal drawings have been included in the present response.

As requested in the outstanding Office Letter of March 6, 2001, the applicant hereby includes the declaration for patent application and appointment of attorney. The US Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$130.00 required for late declaration to our Deposit Account no. 02-3980.

As mentioned above, the applicant has by separate letter petitioned for a three (3) month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Letter of March 6, 2001.

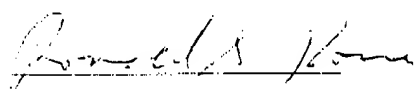
namely up to and including August 6, 2001. If any further extension of time is necessary, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby petitioned for such an extension and may charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account no. 02-3980.

If any further fee, whatsoever, with respect to the present application is due, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is in any event hereby authorized to charge such further amount to our Deposit Account no. 02-3980.

Favourable consideration of the present application in light of the foregoing amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Initial drawings (i.e. figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7b, 7C, 8 and to 9) with amendments outlined generally in red

New formal drawings (i.e. figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 7C, 8 and 9)

Declaration for patent application and appointment of attorney

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